

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

2009 marked my sixth year of tenure with the Town. As your Town administrator I have appreciated your suggestions and encouragement. Each year has presented new challenges. It is our duty to continue providing the best possible Town services during these economic times and fiscal restraints.

In 2009 we implemented the Emergency Management Program to assist citizens during a disaster. Persons assisting me on this team include Ed Consentino and Eric Borge who will co-ordinate relief efforts with Fire and Police, School and State personnel and other departments when necessary. More information on this program will be available to the public this year.

Work continues on the infrastructure of the Town, such as reconditioning roads under the auspices of our engineers and staff. Places Mill Bridge is due for a rebuilding project this coming spring. Our highway crew ensures roads are plowed and sanded during the winter.

The Fire and Police Departments are always at “the ready” to protect you and your property. An example of this is the Easter Sunday fire at the Campground. It is a tribute to them that they were able to contain such a conflagration. Ashes from the embers of this fire were found on the Town Hall steps!

The Solid Waste Center held successful Household Hazardous Waste Collections, including medicine, we thank all those who participated and helped us. The Solid Waste Center continues to improve their facility, while keeping their costs down. The swap shop has been relocated to a safer location on site.

The Selectmen appointed Ryan Heath as the new Police Chief, he has been with the Department since 2000 saving us additional costs in advertising and investigations without a disruption in services.

Scott Williams was appointed as Fire Chief in 2009, he has been with the Fire Department since 1986, and we value his experience.

The Loon Cove Station was transported from Route #11 to its present site at the B & M R.R. Park. Many railroad fans and residents were out early in the morning to watch this historic event, which occurred without incident, our thanks to all involved.

In December we celebrated “Light Up Night” with many residents enjoying the Town sponsored festivities and children meeting Santa, courtesy of the Library, The Gilman Museum, the Victorian Carolers, other participants and many, many volunteers. Another popular winter event is our Winter carnival held on the ice at Alton Bay.

This year our citizens' generosity far exceeded our expectations with contributions to Operations Blessings, Mrs. Santa, and food donations, during the holiday season. We appreciate the contributions of food donations from the schoolchildren and Scouts and others as well.

Thank you for your support and please contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Russell Bailey  
Town Administrator